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We have some very attractive values in White Goods, Linens, etc., which will be on sale at very low prices to-day.

A new lot of fine Mercerized Madras, in a range of beautiful designs for waists, regular 19c quality, for 12½c

Fine Poplin Suiting, the correct weight for skirts, excellent quality, for 11½c

French and Persian Lawn, fine quality and the usual 15c kind; special 11½c

EXTRA SPECIALS IN LINENS.

Extra Fine Quality Full Bleached and Silver Bleached Damask, regular 90c grade; special for 75c

Fine Quality Mercerized Damask, 64 inches wide, the kind that you usually pay 50c; special here for 39c

Embroidered Shams and Scarfs, hemstitched or scalloped edge, only, each 50c

Huck Towels, extra heavy, size 23x44 inches; special for 12½c

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RAILROADS WILL
NOT ENFORCE NEW LAW

Henry T. Wickham Gives Interview on Portsmouth Conference.

STATEMENT FROM MOORE

Southern Attorneys Take Active Part in Discussion of Railway Problems.

Henry T. Wickham, vice-president and general counsel for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, returned to Richmond yesterday from Portsmouth, N. H., where he had been in conference with legal representatives of many of the big railroads of the country, speaking of the conference, Mr. Wickham said:

"The object of the meeting was exclusively for the purpose of a clear understanding of President Taft's new railroad law, which is to go into effect next month.

Reports sent out that the railroads were to get together to test the constitutionality of this law, were entirely erroneous. No single question of a constitutional nature was discussed. Our sole object and purpose was to have a thorough understanding as to what the law meant, and what we should do to obey it to the letter. Such a thing as evasion, or testing, or fighting the law in any way was once mentioned by any one in the meeting. The law is one of such great scope and so intricate, complicated and voluminous that it requires great study in order to abide by its dictates. We accomplished a fair understanding of the law. We each left for our homes for the purpose of informing our respective companies how to obey it."

For Liberal Interpretation. The conference was composed of attorneys representing practically all the railroads of the United States. It was called for the purpose of discussing the new railroad law, and broke up yesterday afternoon. Another meeting will be held in New York in December. A statement giving a general outline of the work of the conference was issued by a committee appointed for that purpose. So far as could be gleaned, there appeared to be a general sentiment among those present in favor of a liberal interpretation of the amendments to the railroad law adopted by the last Congress. This was particularly true of the so-called long and short haul clause, in the consideration of which much time was spent.

The lawyers who were engaged in the conference generally expressed confidence that the Interstate Commerce Commission will proceed conservatively, without making any rulings which will seriously disturb existing conditions. The special committee appointed by the conference to formulate a statement for publication was headed by Hon. R. Walton Moore, of Fairfax county and Washington, former president of the Virginia State Bar Association and an attorney for the Southern Railway Company.

Official Statement. The statement follows: "The conference has considered questions arising under the act to regulate commerce, as recently amended by Congress. The sections to which the amendments contained in the Mann-Elkins bill apply are Nos. 1, 4, 6 and 15 of the act, and besides the many points relative to those sections which were discussed and have been established the new section which established the commerce court. The several days of the meeting were in the main spent in a general interchange of views of the present. Some informal votes were taken, but no action was taken with any thought of formalizing this pending action, but in order to obtain a more definite expression of opinion than would otherwise have been possible, matters which were in the main those of a practical nature, on which traffic officials wish to be advised before the effective date of the amendments, which is August 15.

The conference resembled in its object and proceedings the one held in Atlantic City in 1907 to consider the provisions of the Hepburn bill, amendments, and which was productive of good results in arriving at a proper understanding of what was intended by the new legislation, and which undoubtedly tended to bring about better relations between the carriers and the public and to place the former in closer touch with the Interstate Commerce Commission. The spirit which pervaded the proceedings was one of hopefulness and confidence, and a plain disposition to take any action which might create antagonism and strife.

"It is safe to say that this conference was the largest of the kind ever held. It is understood that the lawyers representing it and others will come together again in the future. Meantime the Interstate Commerce Commission will doubtless by its rulings clear up many of the doubts which exist as to the construction of the various provisions of the act as it now stands.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Twenty Cases Reported by Richmond Physicians to Health Board.

Physicians have reported twenty cases of infantile paralysis to the Board of Health. The report was made in response to a letter issued by Chief Health Officer Levy to all practicing physicians to notify the board of cases under the new law.

The Board of Health is anxious to check the spread of the disease, and will co-operate with doctors to that end. Since June 1 there have been twenty-six cases found in Richmond.

BOAT INSTITUTE
SCHEDULE IS MADE

Four Points Are to Be Reached on James River and Mobjack Bay.

DISCUSS EXPRESS RATES

Corporation Commission Consider Tariffs—Delegates to Be Named.

J. J. Owen, assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, has completed his arrangements for the Farmers' Institute to be conducted by boat. The Old Dominion Steamship Company has donated the use of the vessel.

The speakers will go by train to Clarendon, Surry county, where the first institute will be held. This will be at 2 o'clock on August 24. The boat will make its start from Clarendon, and will proceed down the James river to Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, where an institute will begin at 11 o'clock on August 25.

Proceeding to the bay, the boat will go up the Ware River, holding the third institute at Gloucester Court-house on August 26, beginning at 11. The trip will end at Mathews Court-house the next day, commencing at the same hour.

Prominent Speakers. A notable list of speakers has been arranged for the institute. At Clarendon, W. D. Zinn, of Philadelphia, Va., on soil improvement; J. F. Gordon, of Ohio, on the animal industry; Professor S. B. Helges, of Herndon, on corn and fruit; and F. C. Johnson, of the Norfolk Truck Experiment Station, on trucking products.

Some of the speakers will go direct to Clarendon from the Southern Railway institute trip between Alexandria and Blumort which will begin on August 22 and end two days later. The run will be made direct to Blumort, the stops occurring on the return trip.

These meetings are being thoroughly advertised, and it is expected that the audiences will be large. It is the aim of Mr. Owen to reach as many points as possible which have been hitherto untouched by the institute work. Many Tidewater places cannot be reached by rail, and Mr. Owen, who conducted an institute last autumn on the Rappahannock and the Potomac.

Will Appoint Delegates. Governor Mann has been requested to appoint fifteen representatives from Virginia to attend the eighteenth annual session of the National Irrigation Congress, which will meet at Pueblo, Colo., September 26-30. This congress has steadily grown in importance and in influence, and a number of men prominent in national affairs will take part in the meeting. The Governor will appoint the delegates within a day or two.

Will Speak to Clerks. Judge William F. Rhea, of the State Corporation Commission, will go to Ocean View to-morrow to deliver an address before the Virginia Association of Clerks of Courts. Judge Rhea's topic will be "The Relation of Courts and Clerks."

Meeting With Farmers. Governor Mann spent yesterday at Petersburg, attending the meeting of the State Farmers' Institute.

Saw the Auditor. Thomas J. Coles, Treasurer of Pittsylvania county, and J. P. Gilliam, Treasurer of Chesterfield county, called yesterday at the office of State Auditor Morton Marry.

Boy's (Knicker) Suits

at Half Price

To clean out 210 Suits we offer them at

50% Off

\$8.00 Suits at \$4.00
\$6.00 Suits at \$3.00
\$4.00 Suits at \$2.00

Odd Bloomer Trousers for Boys 3 to 15.

All \$1.50 grades 89c
All \$1.00 grades 69c
All 75c grades 39c
All 50c grades 29c

USED FALSE MEASURE

Two Men Convicted for Swindling Public.

S. E. Wilkinson, white, and Matt Good, colored, each \$25 each in Police Court yesterday morning for using a false measure for oil. It was testified that a false bottom had been placed in a five-gallon oil can, and the fact was brought to the attention of T. W. Joseph, inspector of weights and measures. The arrests were made by Officer J. J. Smith.

Both men are employed by an independent firm, which was held blameless for the illegal transactions.

PURITY STANDARD
IN SALE OF SEEDS

Committee Adopts Rules Putting New Inspection Law Into Effect.

MUST LABEL IMPURITIES

Percentage of Germination Must Be Complied With by Dealers.

Standards of purity and germination in agricultural seeds offered for sale in Virginia were fixed yesterday by a committee of the State Board of Agriculture appointed for that purpose. The committee is composed of W. W. Sprout, of Augusta, and Berkeley D. Adams, of Charlotte, the latter the secretary of the State Board.

This new law governing the inspection of seeds, which goes into effect on September 17, is quite specific in its requirements. The committee found that it had little to do save fix the standards of purity and germination and to prescribe the nature of the label to go on all packages.

Representatives of seed companies were present, but it was soon found that the proposed regulations would be satisfactory both to them and to the members of the committee, representing the people of the State. The new statute itself is not drastic.

The complete list of rules adopted by the committee is as follows: Section 1. The form of label which is required by the law, and which must be attached to each package of seed over fifty pounds in weight, shall conform to the following specifications:

(a) For standard seeds. The label shall not be less than five inches long by three inches wide, and shall be plainly written or stamped in not less than eight-point heavy Gothic type. The form and style shall be substantially as follows:

(b) For seeds other than standard. Kind of seed (specify). Name (Overbrucker). Name of seedsmen, importer, agent or dealer (John Doe, Seedsmen, Richmond, Va.).

Percentage of purity or freedom of seed from foreign matters (if exceeding 2 per cent.).

Must Label Bad Seeds. Name and percentage of the following seeds and bulbs: (a) Wild onion. (b) English charlock. (c) Wild oats.

Note: Where noxious weeds as defined by section 2, subsection 1, of the act, exist in greater number than two thousand, the sale or distribution is prohibited.

There may be of the following seeds or bulbs are present: wild onion, English charlock, wild oats, the name and percentage must be stated on the label, but none of these seeds shall be present in seeds marked "standard."

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Table of seeds and their percentages: Alfalfa, 90; Barley, 90; Blue Grass, Canadian, 90; Bromo Grass, smooth, 90; Buckwheat, 90; Clover, alfalfa, 90; Clover, mammoth, 90; Clover, red, 90; Clover, white, 90; Clover, crimson, 90; Corn, field, 100; Corn, sweet, 90; Corn, pop, 90; Corn, fodder, 90; Fescue, meadow, 90; Fescue, hard, 90; Fescue, red, 90; Flax, 90; Foxtail, meadow, 90; Ryegrass, Italian, 90; Millet, common, 90; Millet, Hungarian, 90; Millet, German, 90; Timothy, 90; Vetch, hairy, 90; Wheat, 90.

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SIXTEEN DOLLARS

For Suits Worth Up to \$30

Fancy chevrons and worsteds, blue and black serges, English homespuns, cravenetted mohairs, white and striped flannels.

Gans-Rady Company

AUGUST SHOWER
VISIBLE TO-NIGHT

Astronomers Promise Fireworks That Will Eclipse Halley's Comet.

According to observatories, to-night is the night for a celestial display that will have Halley's comet and a looking like a comet worth of fireworks that have been out in the wet. The August shower is due to-night. Astronomers say it will be well worth looking for.

This shower of shooting stars always occurs during the month of August, hence the name August shower. While the night of August 14 (St. Lawrence's Day) is the traditional time for these luminous to be most brilliant, numerous they should be visible to-night and remain so every night for a week.

Speaking of the "shower," Dr. Hall, of the Naval Observatory at Washington, says that in all probability the display will be unusually beautiful. He explains that these particles are in fact there is always a shower of more shooting stars in August, and that the number of stars which enter our atmosphere, where it is heated to incandescence and its substance scattered in powder or smoke, falls to the earth as meteor dust or floats about in the atmosphere.

PAY AS YOU ENTER, FIVE OFFICERS

TO BE THE MOTTO MAY BE RETIRED

Metropolitan Type of Street Cars Will Shortly Be in Use.

The pay-as-you-enter cars ordered by the Virginia Railway and Power Company are being received in Richmond, arriving in twos and threes over the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad line.

The cars are larger than any now in use in Richmond, being five feet longer than the big cars on the Main Street line. They differ in many particulars from the cars now being used. The new cars are relatively lighter and stronger than the old type. They are fitted with double trucks, the inside wheels being about half the size of the others.

The advantages of the new cars are that there is less swinging and quicker work by the conductor. Each passenger enters from the rear door and leaves from the front door. The fare is dropped into a box, and the conductor is ready with a transfer, if one is needed. It is claimed that fewer fares are lost on these cars.

There will no doubt be the usual amount of complaint at the innovation, and many amusing incidents will occur before conservative people become accustomed to having their fares ready on looking the cars. It is hoped that they will be put into use on the Broad and Main line.

SURPRISE WEDDING

C. W. Heck and Miss Rubenstein Are Married.

Charles W. Heck, salesman for Powell Brothers, 1525 East Main Street, and Miss Florence Rubenstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rubenstein, of 408 West Marshall Street, were married in Washington, D. C., yesterday afternoon. The approaching wedding was known only to a few friends.

The license was obtained from the clerk of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. A formal notification was made to Rabbi Simon, one of the leading Jewish synagogues, that the couple would soon call on him.

They called on him at 4 o'clock, and the knot was soon tied. Bride and groom were reticent as to their subsequent movements. But they will return to Richmond to live. For Mr. Heck has fitted up apartments at 211 Elm Street for his bride.

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ASHBY'S DREAM
IS COMING TRUE

Destitute Family Provided With Home and Means of Livelihood.

The sun does not always shine on the same side of the street as the comforting knowledge that has come to Joe Ashby and his family since their arrival in Richmond on Monday night. Dame Fortune has smiled on the unhappy family, and the father is beginning to believe that at least a part of his dream of wealth and ease in the city may come true. With his mind aglow with vivid pictures of a life without the drudgery to which he had been accustomed, Ashby decided to quit the farm near Roanoke where he had been employed, and selling his furniture and taking his family with him, he started for the city. After having visited a half-dozen places in the State without realizing his expectations, the family arrived in Richmond about as near destitute as human beings ever have the misfortune to be.

The family was provided with food and lodging by the Associated Charities. Yesterday morning the father began a search for work. Within an hour he was rewarded by securing employment which will pay him \$12 a day. He also discovered a real estate agent who proved willing to rent him a house in South Richmond for \$2 per month. The father will be paid for the installment plan. The family spent yesterday getting fixed in its new home. This morning the father will go to work. The misfortunes of the Ashbys, for the time at least, are ended.

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THINKS THIRTEEN
UNLUCKY NUMBER

Suicide Began Ambulance Surgeon to Take Fourteenth Stitch in Gaping Wound.

Because, it was supposed, of marital and personal difficulties, Mark Armstrong, who, on his own statement to the attending physician, had been in jail 14,075 times, attempted to commit suicide last night in the home of his mother, 1917 Taylor Street, by twice cutting his throat.

When Dr. Collins, of the city ambulance, arrived on the urgent call sent to the City Hospital, he found Armstrong with two deep slashes across his throat and in danger of bleeding to death. Blood was spurting from both wounds. Armstrong slashed himself from ear to ear, and then, evidently seeing that the wound was not fatal, drew the knife again across his throat. Dr. Collins had great difficulty in sewing up the wounds on account of the man's condition. He alternately prayed and jaded. Dr. Collins took thirteen stitches, and when Armstrong learned of the number he asked that another stitch be made, so that he would not have the unlucky number in his throat. Then he asked the physician to finish the job. He prayed that he might be killed. The physician had to call in men to hold Armstrong down while he took the stitches. At times the man was quiet and silent. At other times he laughed and peered at those about him, and asked them to let him die.

While Dr. Collins was attending him the would-be suicide called in his brother and asked him to play an accordion for his mother. Dr. Collins would not allow the accordion played while he was working on Armstrong, but as soon as he had finished, the brother began to play. The strain was evidently pleasing to Armstrong, for he relaxed into unconsciousness. Dr. Collins said that Armstrong would recover, provided that there were no further attempt and that he took care of himself.

Mrs. Armstrong, the man's mother, presented a most pitiful figure. She said all she could do was to pray, and then, when the first strain was over, she became unnerved and broke down completely.

BUILDING PERMITS

Street Car Company to Erect Concrete Scale House.

Building permits were issued yesterday as follows:

George Kretzer, to erect a two-story brick dwelling, 2909 Floyd Avenue, to cost \$2,800.

Virginia Railway and Power Company, to erect a concrete pit and frame shed to be used for scales on the south side of Cary Street, between Elm and Elm Streets, to cost \$1,000.

R. H. Moade, to repair a brick dwelling, 913 Floyd Avenue, to cost \$500.

P. C. Christian, to repair a brick dwelling, 2326 Grove Avenue.

W. L. Palmer, Jr., to repair a brick dwelling, 319 West Franklin Street, to cost \$600.

Lark Western Order.

The Richmond Railway and the American Locomotive Works has been awarded a contract by the Terminal Railroad Association, of St. Louis, for ten locomotives of type 60-6100. The contract specifies October delivery. The locomotives are intended for the use of the Union Pacific Railway.

Married in Washington.

Licenses were issued in Washington city yesterday for the marriages of Andrew S. MacDonald, of Scranton, Pa., and Marian L. Smith, of Richmond, and of Charles W. Heck and Florence Rubenstein, both of Richmond.

IF YOU ALREADY OWN A Hamilton Watch

you have a reliable timepiece. If not, let us show it to you—one of the finest American-made Watches—17 jewels—\$15.00 and up.

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Red Hot Coals Do Not Hurt a Roof Made of Pearl Tin

Because it is fireproof. Think what this means in the way of protection to your home in case of fire.

Pearl I. C. Roofing Tin

is backed up by this trademark. See that you get it.

Gordon Metal Co., Richmond, Va.

POLES ORDERED

Broad Street Ornamental Lights Will Soon Be in Place.

At a meeting of the Council Committee on Electricity last night, the recommendation of the subcommittee that the contract for furnishing poles upon which to place ornamental lights on Broad Street be awarded to the McKay Engineering Company, of Baltimore, for \$84 each, was adopted.

There will be seventy-five poles, upon which will be placed five lights each. The poles are of iron, and of an ornamental design. The total cost is \$4,500.

Upon motion of Councilman Pollard, the thanks of the committee were voted the chairman, subcommittee and clerk. Mr. Pollard said that he had never served on a committee where the chairman was as faithful as the chairman, Councilman Huber the subcommittee, and A. H. McDowell the clerk. This was the last meeting of the committee.

Sues Railway Company.

Claiming \$6,000 damages, the John T. Hesser Coal Company yesterday filed suit in the Law and Equity Court against the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company. No declaration has been filed.

The suit is an action for trespass on the case. Attorney H. H. John Coalter represents the plaintiff.

Alley to Grand Jury.

James Alley, white, charged with robbing the store of J. M. Hendley, of Henric county, was sent on to the grand jury for a magisterial court yesterday morning.

Clarence Mimms, colored, charged with attempted car-breaking, was placed under \$100 security for twelve months.